

- (6.) The instrument of discharge shall be signed by the licensee, or if the discharge is by order of the Warden, then by the Warden.
- (7.) The instrument of discharge shall be registered in every case where the lien itself has been registered.

*General as to Registration.*

72. No instrument shall be deposited with the Registrar for registration, nor shall any application for registration be deposited with him, except at his office, being in every case the office of the Court, and during office-hours as defined in clause 95 of these regulations.

73. No Registrar shall register any mining privilege or lien, or any instrument purporting to transfer or to in any way deal with or affect any mining privilege, except in manner provided by the Mining Act and these regulations.

74. No Registrar shall register any instrument liable to stamp duty unless the instrument purports to have been duly stamped, but in no case shall any registration be invalidated by reason of any error in this respect.

75. In any case where any mistake is made by the Registrar in any entry in the register, or in any memorial, he shall rectify the same by a new entry or memorial in such form as may be convenient, specifying the day and hour of the rectification, but not erasing or obliterating the erroneous entry or memorial; and for the purpose of such rectification he may require any person to produce any document in his possession.

76. Upon payment of the fee of 6d. per folio of ninety words or any part thereof, the Registrar shall furnish to any person applying for the same a certified copy of any registered instrument; and every document purporting to be certified under the hand of the Registrar and the seal of the Court as a certified copy of a registered instrument shall, without proof of his signature, be received in evidence for all purposes for which the original instrument might be put in evidence.

77. There shall be payable in respect of the registration of any instrument a fee of 1s. for each separate registration entry in the register, and in respect of every search of the register a fee of 1s.

78. The register may be searched as aforesaid at any time during office-hours.

*Index-books.*

79. In addition to but separate from his register, the Registrar shall keep a numerical index-book, a nominal index-book, and a water-rights index-book.

80. The numerical index-book shall be in the form numbered in the First Schedule hereto, and shall contain, in numerical order of registration as appearing in the register, the specified particulars of all registrations effected after the coming into operation of the Mining Act.

81. The nominal index-book shall be in the form numbered in the First Schedule hereto, and shall contain, in alphabetical order of surnames of grantors or transferors, as appearing in the register, the specified particulars of all registrations effected after the coming into operation of the Mining Act:

Provided that in any case where, in respect of any registration, the number of grantors or transferors exceeds one, it shall be sufficient if the nominal index-book contains the name first appearing in the register, together with the words "and another," or "and others," as the case may be.

82. The water-rights index-book shall be in the form numbered in the First Schedule hereto, and shall contain the specified particulars of all water-rights registered after the coming into operation of the Mining Act in respect of each specified stream in the district.

83. The index-books shall be compiled from the register, and any person entitled to search the register shall, without further fee, be entitled to search the index-books.

LABOUR CONDITIONS.

*Prescribed Number of Workmen.*

84. For the purposes of section 85 of the Mining Act the number of workmen to be employed by the holder of a claim in mining operations shall be in the proportion of not less than one workman for every complete 6 acres of the area of the claim during the first year, computed from the date on which by that section the operations are required to be commenced; one workman for every complete 4 acres during the second such year; and one workman for every complete 3 acres thereafter:

Provided that at no time shall the number so employed be less than one in the case of an ordinary or extended claim, and two in the case of a special claim:

Provided further that, in the case of a claim the title whereof is surrendered for purposes of exchange or amalgamation, the minimum number to be employed shall be computed from the date on which the claim was originally taken up.

85. In every case where the holder of a claim alleges that, under subsections (1), (3), or (4) of section 86 of the Mining Act, he is entitled to employ less than the prescribed minimum number of workmen, it shall lie on him to establish the facts to the Warden's satisfaction, and for that purpose he shall, in addition to other evidence, furnish such sworn returns as to workmen employed, capital expended, and otherwise as the Warden thinks necessary.

*Certificates of Reduction.*

86. The application, under section 85 of the Mining Act, for authority to employ less than the prescribed minimum number of workmen may be in the form numbered in the First Schedule hereto, and with respect to the application the following provisions shall apply:—

- (1.) The application need not be publicly notified by advertisement unless the Warden otherwise directs.